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**Standard Havens Products Inc. v. Gencor Industries
Inc.**

**U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit
27 USPQ2d 1959**

**Decided May 21, 1993
No. 93-1208**

Unpublished Opinion

Headnotes

PATENTS

**1. Practice and procedure in Patent and Trademark Office -- Re-examination --
In general (§ 110.1501)**

JUDICIAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

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Procedure -- Stays -- In general (§ 410.2901)

Federal district court erred by denying patent infringement defendant's motion to stay permanent injunction and damages proceedings

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pending judicial review of decision in re-examination proceeding holding certain claims of patent in suit unpatentable.

Particular patents -- Chemical -- Asphalt plant

4,787,938, Hawkins, countercurrent drum mixer asphalt plant, denial of stay of injunction and damages proceedings reversed.

Case History and Disposition:

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Appeal from the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, Hunter, J.

Action by Standard Havens Products Inc. against Gencor Industries Inc. for patent infringement and breach of confidentiality agreement, in which defendant counterclaimed for declaratory judgment of patent invalidity. On remand from decision affirming jury verdict that patent is not invalid and was willfully infringed (21 USPQ2d 1321), defendant moved for stay of permanent injunction and damages proceedings. From denial of motion for stay, defendant appeals. Reversed.

[Editor's Note: The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has indicated that, "pursuant to Fed. Cir. R. 47.8, this disposition is not citable as precedent. It is a public record."]

Judge:

Before Rich, Archer, and Michel, circuit judges.

[Unpublished Opinion] Opinion Text**Opinion By:**

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Per curiam.

[Unpublished Opinion] Gencor Industries, Inc. appeals from the order of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, No. 88-1209-CV-W-3 (Jan. 27, 1993), denying Gencor's motion for a stay of permanent injunction and stay of damages proceedings. We *reverse and remand*.

DISCUSSION

[Unpublished Opinion] [1] The district court incorrectly concluded that the reexamination decision can have no effect on this infringement suit even if the reexamination decision becomes final. As a matter of law, however, and as both parties agree, if the reexamination decision of unpatentability is upheld in the court action under 35 U.S.C. Section 145 (1988), the injunction would thereby immediately become inoperative. In addition, if a final decision of unpatentability means the patent was void *ab initio*, then damages would also be precluded. Therefore, the injunction should have been stayed. Thus in either event, contrary to the assumption of the trial court, the reexamination proceeding "would control" the infringement suit.

[Unpublished Opinion] To preserve the status quo pending finality of the section 145 action, the damages proceeding should also have been stayed. The issues of damages and enjoinability in this suit still being unresolved, despite trial and proper appeal, we do not regard the issues of patent validity and infringement as having been incorporated into a final judgment that would moot the issue of a stay pending completion of the section 145 suit.

[Unpublished Opinion] Accordingly, we reverse the decision of the district court as based on legal error and remand with instructions to stay the imposition of the permanent injunction and to stay any further proceedings respecting damages until the reexamination decision becomes final. 1 This stay is *conditioned* on continuing deposits in the escrow account as required by our order dated February 22, 1990. Further, the district court may require Gencor to make an accounting of the escrow account.

COSTS

[Unpublished Opinion] Each party to bear its own costs.

Footnotes

[Unpublished Opinion] Footnote 1. Nothing herein shall preclude the issuance of appropriate orders to protect Standard Havens in the event of a petition in bankruptcy by Gencor.

- End of Case -